

DEPARTMENT OF AGING

www.aging.state.pa.us

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Senior Community Center Grant Program – Grants will be awarded to senior centers by two categories: capital assistance and capacity building. Capital assistance projects will receive up to \$200,000 for renovations, repairs, equipment, furnishings or acquisition of land or facilities and construction, while capacity building projects will receive up to \$10,000 to help pay for administration, fundraising or help in growing the programs and services offered at senior centers.

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Information about is available at the Department of Aging's web site: www.aging.state.pa.us or the Pennsylvania Senior Centers' web site www.paseniorcenters.org.

RELATED PROGRAMS

Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) – The federally funded LIHEAP helps low-income households pay for a variety of home heating fuel sources and furnace repairs in the winter. It is administered by the state Department of Public Welfare (DPW). DPW works with the Department of Aging Area Agency on Aging to encourage eligible seniors to apply.

Applications for LIHEAP are available at County Assistance Offices, local utility companies and community service agencies, such as Area Agencies on Aging or Community Action Agencies.

Cash grants may be submitted online at www.compass.state.pa.us. Individuals do not have to be on public assistance or own their own home to qualify for LIHEAP.

Crisis grants of up to \$300 are available for heating emergencies, such as mechanical breakdowns or unexpected fuel shortages. For more information about LIHEAP, call the toll-free LIHEAP Hotline at 1(866) 857-7095, Monday through Friday.

RSVP (Retired Senior Volunteer Program) – RSVP volunteers serve in a diverse range of nonprofit organizations, public agencies, and faith-based groups. Among other activities, they mentor at-risk youth, organize neighborhood watch programs, test drinking water for contaminants, teach English to immigrants, and lend their business skills to community groups that provide critical social services. RSVP volunteers are not paid but sponsoring organizations may reimburse them for some costs incurred during service. RSVP provides appropriate volunteer insurance coverage and volunteers receive pre-service orientation and in-service training from the agency or organization where they are placed.

THOSE ELIGIBLE: RSVP is open to people age 55 and over. Community and faith-based organizations receive grants to sponsor and operate RSVP projects in their community. These projects recruit seniors to serve from a few hours a month to almost full time, though the average commitment is four hours a week.

Contact – National Senior Corps or call toll free 1(800) 424-8867.

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Grants are typically available for only short periods of time and often for very specific activities. The department periodically updates the site <http://www.agriculture.state.pa.us/pagrows/cwp/view.asp?a=438&q=137343> to have the most up-to-date information as deadlines and new and recurring grant opportunities change.

Agricultural Product Promotion Matching Grant Program

– The program provides matching funds to Pennsylvania non-profit agricultural product promotion and marketing organizations for projects intended to increase consumer awareness and increase sales. Matching funds required.

Contact – Frank Jurbala, Director, Bureau of Market Development at fjurbala@state.pa.us or to Pamela Dailey, Grant Administrator at pdailey@state.pa.us or by calling (717) 787-6041 or visit www.agriculture.state.pa.us.

Agricultural Rural and Youth Grant Program – The Agricultural Rural and Youth Grant Program is a competitive program that seeks projects to increase the knowledge and awareness of agricultural and rural issues among the youth in Pennsylvania. The program offers eligible organizations the opportunity to apply for a matching grant up to \$10,000 and a direct grant up to \$2,500.

Organizations comprised of persons eighteen (18) years of age or younger and which are organized and recognized within the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to promote development of agriculture, rural community leadership, vocational training or peer fellowship are considered eligible applicants.

Contact – Eric Cowden at ecowden@state.pa.us, telephone (717) 787-5342

Agritourism – Find ways to attract consumers to your Agritourism operation.

Contact – (717) 787-6041 or www.pennsylvaniaagritourism.com.

Capital Improvement Matching Grant Fund – A grant designed specifically to provide Pennsylvania Fairs with matching funds for capital improvement projects on fair grounds.

Contact – Eric Cowden at ecowden@state.pa.us, telephone (717) 787-5342.

Center for Farm Transitions – can help farmers with information, referrals and consultations regarding their distinct situations when looking to transition enterprises on the farm, transition the next generation onto farm, or transition to a new agriculture career.

Contact – 1(877) 475-2686 or www.iplantofarm.com.

Commercial Orchard and Fruit Tree Nursery Indemnity Program – Programs intended to provide commercial orchard owners and commercial fruit tree nursery owners financial relief from some of the costs associated with the outbreak of Plum Pox Virus (PPV).

The department instituted statutory procedures and requirements under which it will award grants under this program. PA commercial orchard and fruit tree growers who have been given written treatment orders for PPV eradication measures from the USDA and/or the department are eligible.

Contact – Department of Agriculture, Bureau of Plant Industry, at (717) 787-4843.

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Crop Insurance Program – Since many farmers cannot control disasters, it is wise to transfer some risk to crop insurance in exchange for a manageable premium that can be a part of a budget. Crop insurance can also work as part of a seamless package with pre-harvest crop marketing programs that can help to increase profits in good years. The national crop insurance program is undergoing significant changes and improvements as a result of the new Agricultural Risk Protection Act of 2000.

The Crop Insurance Program is a work in progress that may have new benefits for your farm on a year-to-year basis. Farmers are encouraged to contact a crop insurance agent to get the details or their local Farming Service Agency.

Farm Safety & Occupational Health (FSOH) Grant Program – The program will award financial assistance of up to \$2,500 to statewide farm organizations, volunteer fire companies, ambulance services and rescue squads within this Commonwealth that wish to develop and deliver farm safety, occupational health and emergency response programs.

Applications will be accepted at the Department of Agriculture, Bureau of Plant Industry, 2301 North Cameron Street, Room G-13, Harrisburg, PA 17110-9408.

Contact – Phillip Pitzer at ppitzer@state.pa.us, telephone (717) 772-5206 or Nada Coup at ncoup@state.pa.us, telephone (717) 772-5201.

First Industries Fund – One of 19 programs in June 2004 economic stimulus package. Funds are for Small Business First program (SBF), Machinery and Equipment Loan Fund (MELF), new loan guarantee program, business and marketing plans, and other pre-construction costs.

No date specified. Land, buildings, working capital, equipment, etc. per SBF and MELF guidelines; implementing Best Management Practices; and energy-related activities impacting production agriculture or agribusiness.

Go to www.PAgrows.com for more information or 1(888) PAgrows.

First Industries Fund Loan Guarantees – Provides private lenders with a risk management tool, and agricultural borrowers access to private credit sources at lower-risk rates and terms.

No date specified. Applicant must submit application with following: information about applicant and business; a description of the project; a description of all sources of financing; prior two years of financial statements; meet regulatory/permitting; and other information required by the CFA.

Go to www.PAgrows.com for more information or 1(888) PAgrows.

Land Trust Reimbursement Grant Program – An individual grant will reimburse a qualified land trust up to \$5,000 of expenses incurred in acquiring an “agricultural conservation easement,” as defined in the Agricultural Area Security Law. Expenses include appraisal costs, legal services, title searches, document preparation, title insurance, closing fees and survey costs.

Land trust must be a tax-exempt institution under section 501(c) (3) and include the acquisition of agricultural conservation easements or other conservation easements in its stated purpose. An eligible land trust seeking reimbursement grants under

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the program shall register with the State Agricultural Land Preservation Board.

Contact – Pennsylvania Dept. of Agriculture, Bureau of Farmland Preservation at (717) 783-3167.

Machinery and Equipment Loan Fund – Low-interest loan financing to acquire and install new or used machinery and equipment or to upgrade existing machinery and equipment.

No date specified. Production agriculture and agricultural processing are eligible. Up to 10 year term that must be directly related to farming or food manufacturing process

Go to www.PAgrows.com for more information or 1(888) PAgrows.

Next Generation Farmer Loan Program (NGFLP)
– Encourages lenders to finance beginning farmers. The loan is made at lender's credit standards and other terms and conditions.

No date specified. Terms for the loan along with any additional conditions will be at the discretion of the individual lender and will depend on the type of project. Beginning farmers (at least 18 years with no prior ownership of property valued in excess of \$125,000 and whose net worth does not exceed \$400,000).

Go to www.PAgrows.com for more information or 1(888) PAgrows.

Organic Cost Share Program – Reimbursement towards organic certification fees incurred in Pennsylvania.

Contact – (717) 705-9513 or www.agriculture.state.pa.us.

PAgrows – provides technical assistance to help producers, processors and agribusinesses find the right funding program for their operation. PAgrows can help access low interest loan and grant programs related to agriculture.

Contact – 1(888) PAgrows (1-888-724-7697) or www.PAgrows.com.

Pennsylvania Hardwoods Development Council Grants
– Available to regional non-profit hardwood utilization groups for on-going promotion and economic development activities.

Generally July 1 to June 30

\$10,000 – \$70,000

Contact – Hardwoods Development Council at (717) 772-3715.

PA Preferred® Program – assists Pennsylvania farmers by encouraging consumers to purchase Pennsylvania products. At the same time, consumers will know that they have found foods grown and processed under some of the world's most stringent food safety standards.

Contact – (717) 787-6041 or www.papreferred.com.

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Small Business Administration 504 – The CDC/504 loan program is a long-term financing tool for economic development within a community. The program provides growing businesses with long-term fixed-rate financing for major fixed assets, such as land and buildings.

No dates specified. Any for-profit small business with a net worth less than \$7.5 million and profit after tax less than \$2.5 million is eligible. One job to be created or in some cases retained for every \$50k of net SBA 504 funds in the project within two years of disbursement.

Go to www.sba.gov. Contact www.PAgrows.com for more information or call 1(888) PAgrows.

Small Business First – Funding for small businesses, including: low-interest loans for land and building acquisitions and construction, machinery and equipment purchases, and working capital.

No date specified. Production agriculture and agricultural processing are eligible. Up to 15 year term for land and building; up to 10 year term for machinery and equipment; up to 3 year term for working capital.

Go to www.PAgrows.com for more information or 1(888) PAgrows.

State Food Purchase Program – Grants to counties or a designated lead agency to purchase food to be provided to the needy. Grants are allocated based on unemployment, food stamp recipients not on public assistance, legal immigrants, medical assistance recipients and households with earned incoming receiving assistance.

Contact – Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture at (717) 787-4737.

USDA – FSA Direct Loans – Government funded loans made by FSA. FSA also provides loan customers with supervision and credit counseling. Farm Ownership, Operating, Emergency and Youth loans are the main types of loans available under the Direct program. Funds are also set aside each year for loans to minority applicants and beginning farmers.

No dates specified. Loan applicant must pay a credit report fee, lien searches (if loan is made), and filing and recording security instruments.

Go to <http://www.fsa.usda.gov/dafl/>. Or contact www.PAgrows.com for more information or call 1(888) PAgrows.

USDA-FSA Guaranteed Loans – The loan provides lenders with a guarantee of up to 95 percent of the loss of principal and interest on a loan. Available to farmers who do not meet the lender's normal underwriting criteria.

No dates specified. FSA charges a guarantee fee of 1 percent of the guaranteed portion of the loan. This fee may be passed on to the borrower. Guarantee waived for: assistance loans; loans where more than 50 percent of the loan funds are used to pay off direct FSA loan debt; and loans in conjunction with down payment farm ownership loan program

Go to <http://www.fsa.usda.gov/dafl/>. Or contact www.PAgrows.com for more information or call 1 (888) PAgrows.

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Act 47 – Municipalities Financial Recovery Act – Provides loan and grant funds to financially distressed local governments as well as technical assistance to formulate financial recovery plans. Only local governments are eligible to apply.

Contact – Fred Reddig at (888) 223-683; (866) GO-NEWPA / (866) 466-3972 or [ReadySet Succeed@newPA.com](mailto:ReadySetSucceed@newPA.com).

Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC) – Provides grant funding to support development of Appalachia's human and community infrastructure. The Appalachian Region consists of 52 counties served by seven Local Development Districts (LDD). Small and medium sized business, as well as other economic development providers in Appalachian Regions are eligible to apply. Loans range from \$250,000 to 5 million for 3, 5 and 7 years loans.

Contact – Local Development District (LDD); (866) GO-NEWPA / (866) 466-3972 or [ReadySet Succeed@newPA.com](mailto:ReadySetSucceed@newPA.com).

Ben Franklin Technology Development Authority (BFTDA) – Venture Investment Program Investment in venture capital partnerships investing in growth-stage PA companies. Eligible are venture capital partnerships and angel investment groups. It is used for investment in young job-producing companies. Investments must be made in underserved areas of PA, defined as outside the Philadelphia. MSA and those with populations below 1 million.

Contact – Local Ben Franklin Technology Centers, www.benfranklin.org; (866) GO-NEWPA / (866) 466-3972 or [ReadySet Succeed@newPA.com](mailto:ReadySetSucceed@newPA.com).

Ben Franklin Technology Development Authority (BFTDA) – Technology Development Grant – Grants to help groups or consortia of Pennsylvania companies position themselves at the cutting edge of emerging technologies and establish a competitive advantage through the use of advanced e-business systems. Eligible are not-for-profit organizations; Community groups. Used for technology development/advancement in the community.

Contact – Local Ben Franklin Technology Centers, www.benfranklin.org; (866) GO-NEWPA / (866) 466-3972 or [ReadySet Succeed@newPA.com](mailto:ReadySetSucceed@newPA.com).

Ben Franklin Technology Development Authority (BFTDA) – University Research Funding – Grants designed to promote stronger synergy between university-based research and development and the transfer of technology as it relates to economic and work force development. Eligible are colleges or universities and non-profit organizations partnering with colleges/universities. Used for research and development, technology transfer, approved course of study

Contact – Local Ben Franklin Technology Centers, www.benfranklin.org; (866) GO-NEWPA / (866) 466-3972 or [ReadySet Succeed@newPA.com](mailto:ReadySetSucceed@newPA.com)

Ben Franklin Technology Partners – Funding for research and development, technology transfer, joint research and development. Eligible are technology development/application; research and development; start-up or existing companies.

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Used for research and development (for Product/Process Development), technology transfer; joint research and development (private companies and universities), technology training/entrepreneurial infrastructure. Amounts typically range from \$5,000 to \$250,000 (varies somewhat between centers and project type)

Business Retention & Expansion Program – (BREP)

– The Pennsylvania Business Retention Program (BREP) was established in 1997 to forge better working relationships and stronger collaboration among various public, private, state and local economic development organizations, with the goal of enhancing the efficiency and effectiveness of efforts to retain and grow existing Pennsylvania businesses. The program is used to foster collaboration for economic vitality through business retention and expansion. The grant amount varies from region to region. The amount depends upon how many visits the region plans to make on behalf of BREP

Contact – If you would like to suggest that a company be visited, contact the BREP Regional Coordinator in your region. A list of the BREP Regional Coordinators, their contact information, and the counties in which they serve are: BREP Regional Information; (866) GO-NEWPA / (866) 466-3972 or [ReadySet Succeed@newPA.com](mailto:ReadySetSucceed@newPA.com).

Broadband Outreach & Aggregation Fund (BOAF) – Grant assistance to qualified applicants to implement outreach programs concerning the benefits, use and procurement of broadband services as well as providing seed grants to aggregate customer demand in communities with little or no service so that the providers can respond to the new demand for services in a more timely fashion.

Contact – (866) GO-NEWPA / (866) 466-3972 or [ReadySet Succeed@newPA.com](mailto:ReadySetSucceed@newPA.com).

Building PA – Provides mezzanine capital for developers for real estate assets in small to mid-sized Pennsylvania communities. Eligible are Professional Investment Fund Managers through a Request for Qualification (RFQ).

Contact – (866) GO-NEWPA / (866) 466-3972 or [ReadySet Succeed@newPA.com](mailto:ReadySetSucceed@newPA.com).

Business in Our Sites Grants and Loans – Empowers communities to attract growing and expanding businesses by helping them build an inventory of ready sites. Municipalities, municipal authorities; redevelopment authorities; industrial development agencies, and private developers are eligible. No maximum or minimum, except that the maximum amount of the funding for projects located within a single city, borough, town or township may not exceed 15 percent of the funds available for the program. Grants may not exceed 50 percent of the total amount of the financing provided, or \$5 million, whichever is less.

Contact – (866) GO-NEWPA / (866) 466-3972 or [ReadySet Succeed@newPA.com](mailto:ReadySetSucceed@newPA.com).

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Citizens Job Bank – A public/private \$150 million loan partnership between Citizens Bank and the Commonwealth. Eligible are PA manufacturing, industrial and distribution operations, and select business services. The loan is used for machinery and equipment; land and building. \$1,000,000 min, \$10,000,000 max; Loans may not exceed 75 percent of project cost. Building acquisition/remodeling loans are limited to 75 percent of appraised value.

Contact – Citizens Bank of Pennsylvania
 Eastern Regional Contacts – Rodger Levenson – (484) 530-3630; Michael Rainone – (610) 941-8400
 Western Regional Contacts – Ralph Papa – (412) 867-2224; Daniel Kennelly – (412) 867-2897.
 (866) GO-NEWPA / (866) 466-3972 or
ReadySet Succeed@newPA.com.

Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) – Grants and technical assistance for federal designated municipalities for any type of community development. It is an entitlement program which provides annual funding to designated municipalities. Competitive program is available to all non-federal entitlement municipalities. Entitlement funding is set by formula; Competitive Program – \$500,000 maximum; 70 percent of each grant must be used for activities that benefit low- and moderate-income persons. Refer to program guidelines.

Contact – (866) GO-NEWPA / (866) 466-3972 or **ReadySet Succeed@newPA.com.**

Community Economic Development Loan Program – Low-interest loans for projects in distressed communities, stimulating self-help initiatives and helping people build assets at the individual, family and community levels. For-profit small businesses (100 employees or less) that are located in a DCED designated distressed community and Keystone Opportunity Zones are eligible. Loans up to \$100,000 or 50 percent of total eligible project cost, whichever is less, 2 percent interest rate.

Contact – (866) GO-NEWPA / (866) 466-3972 or **ReadySet Succeed@newPA.com.**

Community Revitalization (CR) – Program provides grant funds to support local initiatives to promote the stability of communities. The program also assists communities in achieving and maintaining social and economic diversity to ensure a productive tax base and a good quality of life. Grants vary between \$5,000 and \$25,000. Eligible are local governments, municipal and redevelopment authorities and agencies, industrial development agencies, non-profit corporations incorporated under the laws of the Commonwealth.

Contact – (866) GO-NEWPA / (866) 466-3972 or **ReadySet Succeed@newPA.com** and your local legislative office.

Community Service Block Grant (CSBG) – Provides federal funds and discretionary grants to community action agencies to support programs that promote economic self-sufficiency. A limited amount of “discretionary funds” are available yearly to fund special or demonstration projects. Designated Community Action Agencies serving individuals whose income is at 125 percent of the federal poverty level.

Contact – Local community action agencies; (866) GO-NEWPA / (866) 466-3972 or **ReadySet Succeed@newPA.com**

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Core Communities Housing Program – Provides state-funded grants for affordable housing activities in core communities. The initiative funds housing activities eligible under the Housing and Redevelopment Assistance Program for new or rehabilitated housing developments, but only on previously developed sites. Grants are for affordable housing activities in previously developed areas undertaken by counties, municipalities, redevelopment authorities, and certain nonprofit organizations. Used for any housing activity permitted by Housing & Redevelopment Assistance guidelines. (The demolition of structures may only be funded if there is an immediate housing reuse for that same site.)

Contact – (866) GO-NEWPA / (866) 466-3972 or [ReadySet Succeed@newPA.com](mailto:ReadySetSucceed@newPA.com).

Customized Job Training Program (CJT) – Grants for specialized job training to existing or newly hired employees. Grants up to 75 percent of the eligible costs for new job creation, retention, re-training. Must be for actual training. Trainees must be residents of PA and be employed in PA. Participating trainees must earn more than 150 percent of current minimum wage. Training must be guaranteed.

Contact – (866) GO-NEWPA / (866) 466-3972 or [ReadySet Succeed@newPA.com](mailto:ReadySetSucceed@newPA.com)

Early Intervention Program – Provides matching grant funds to assist municipalities experiencing fiscal difficulties to develop comprehensive multi-year financial plans and establish short and long term financial objectives. Grants up to \$100,000 for 50 percent of total project cost. Applicant must provide 50 percent match. Refer to program guidelines for details.

Contact – (866) GO-NEWPA / (866) 466-3972 or [ReadySet Succeed@newPA.com](mailto:ReadySetSucceed@newPA.com).

Economic Stimulus Package Technical Assistance – Technical assistance for local governments as part of the Economic Stimulus Package. Eligible are Local Governments. Used for an interdisciplinary team of economic development professionals knowledgeable in all facets of the Stimulus Package that will help communities maximize their use of funding programs

Contact – Governor's Center for Local Government Services, 888-223-6837; (866) GO-NEWPA / (866) 466-3972 or [ReadySet Succeed@newPA.com](mailto:ReadySetSucceed@newPA.com).

Educational Improvement Tax Credit – Provides tax credits to eligible businesses who contribute to a scholarship organization of an educational improvement organization. Tax credits equal to 75 percent of its contribution up to a maximum of \$100,000 per taxable year, or 90 percent tax credit if company commits to the same contribution for 2 years.

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Elm Street – Grant funds for planning, technical assistance and physical improvements to residential and mixed use areas in proximity to central business districts. Used for revitalization of residential and mixed use neighborhoods, and administration costs to support an Elm Street Program. Eligible entities include municipalities, redevelopment authorities, non-profit main street organizations, economic development organizations, and neighborhood improvement districts. Grants are up to \$250,000 for administrative costs associated with hiring a full-time manager and related office expenses over a maximum 5-year program. Minimum 10 percent local match is required.

Contact – (866) GO-NEWPA / (866) 466-3972 or [ReadySet Succeed@newPA.com](mailto:ReadySetSucceed@newPA.com).

Emergency Responders Resources & Training Program (ERRTP) – ERRTP funds may be used for emergency responder improvement projects. These projects must demonstrate a benefit to community activities associated with police, fire, ambulance or related public safety services.

Contact – (866) GO-NEWPA / (866) 466-3972 or [ReadySet Succeed@newPA.com](mailto:ReadySetSucceed@newPA.com).

Emergency Shelter Grant (ESG) – Federal grants funding to assist in creating or rehabilitating shelter space for the homeless. Eligible are local governments; local governments on behalf of private, non-profit organizations. Used for creation or rehabilitation of shelter space for the homeless, the purchase of machinery, equipment, furniture and appliances for homeless shelters, the provision of new social services, or the development or upgrade of shelter space.

Amount – \$50,000 minimum and no maximum.

Contact – (866) GO-NEWPA / (866) 466-3972 or [ReadySet Succeed@newPA.com](mailto:ReadySetSucceed@newPA.com).

Employment and Community Conservation – Supported Work Program – The program is jointly funded by DCED and the Department of Public Welfare and is intended to prepare and assist public assistance recipients to obtain unsubsidized employment and to provide work opportunities for post-24 month cash assistance recipients.

Contact – (866) GO-NEWPA / (866) 466-3972 or [ReadySet Succeed@newPA.com](mailto:ReadySetSucceed@newPA.com).

Employment and Community Conservation (ECC) – Program provides grant funding to non-profit agencies to start up or develop social services, education, job training and community development projects that increase economic opportunities for low-income communities and individuals. Grant amounts vary. Local governments and private non-profit organizations are eligible to apply.

Contact – (866) GO-NEWPA / (866) 466-3972 or [ReadySet Succeed@newPA.com](mailto:ReadySetSucceed@newPA.com).

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Enterprise Zone Tax Credits – Allows employers qualifying for the federal R&D tax credit to receive a 10 percent tax credit for increased research activities in Pennsylvania over a base period. Businesses located in an Enterprise Zone are eligible to apply.

Contact – (866) GO-NEWPA / (866) 466-3972 or [ReadySet Succeed@newPA.com](mailto:ReadySetSucceed@newPA.com).

Export Finance Program (EFP) – The Pennsylvania Export Finance Program provides small businesses with access to pre-export working capital and post-export accounts receivable financing through a direct loan program. Eligible are small businesses (250 employees or less) exporting goods or services internationally. It is used for working capital financing, accounts receivable financing, revolving lines of credit.

Contact – Area Loan Organizations; Team Pennsylvania Export Network at (888) 483-2672; (866) GO-NEWPA / (866) 466-3972 or [ReadySet Succeed@newPA.com](mailto:ReadySetSucceed@newPA.com).

Family Savings Account Program – Provides grants to community-based non-profits to establish programs that provide matching funds to a low-income person's own savings. Participants may receive from \$600 to \$1,200 in matching funds over a two-year period. Non-profit organizations that administer the program for individuals or families whose incomes are less than 200 percent of the federal poverty line.

Contact – Karhryn Rulli – 720-7331; (866) GO-NEWPA / (866) 466-3972 or [ReadySet Succeed@newPA.com](mailto:ReadySetSucceed@newPA.com).

First Industries Fund – The First Industries Fund is a grant and loan program aimed at strengthening Pennsylvania's agriculture and tourism industries. It is part of the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture's new initiative designed to assist agricultural producers in gaining access to the capital they need to begin, continue, or expand their businesses. Loans up to \$200,000 or 50 percent of total eligible project costs, whichever is less; Maximum loan amount for working capital is \$100,000 or 50 percent of total eligible project costs, whichever is less. Planning Grants: Up to \$250,000. Loan Guarantees are variable

Contact – Area Loan Organizations, DCED Customer Service (866) GO-NEWPA / (866) 466-3972 or [ReadySet Succeed@newPA.com](mailto:ReadySetSucceed@newPA.com) or the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture Web site: www.agriculture.state.pa.us.

Floodplain Land Use Assistance Program – The program provides grants and technical assistance to encourage the proper use of land and the management of floodplain lands. Local governments may apply for 50 percent of eligible costs. There is no maximum dollar limit.

Contact – (866) GO-NEWPA / (866) 466-3972 or [ReadySet Succeed@newPA.com](mailto:ReadySetSucceed@newPA.com).

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Go Global Grant Program – The Pennsylvania Go Global Grant Program is designed to enhance public awareness of the increasing linkages between Pennsylvania and the global economy. The Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED) seeks to challenge Pennsylvania's business organizations and institutions to understand and support Pennsylvania's effort to advance the Commonwealth's international competitiveness by expanding exports and increasing direct investment in Pennsylvania.

Applicants must be based in Pennsylvania and be one of the following types of organizations: 1. Economic development organization; 2. Industrial development corporation or authority; 3. Technology council; 4. Chamber of commerce; 5. Regional marketing organization; 6. Local or county government; 7. Membership-based business organization; 8. Non-profit /Non-government organization.

The Go Global Grant Program will support partnering organizations to organize and conduct events that are designed to either help promote Pennsylvania exports or to help attract new foreign investment to Pennsylvania. Matching grant of up to \$10,000 per year per organization

Contact – DCED's Office of International Business Development (OIBD) administers the Pennsylvania Go Global Grant Program (866) GO-NEWPA / (866) 466-3972 or [ReadySet Succeed@newPA.com](mailto:ReadySetSucceed@newPA.com).

Growing Greener II – Main Street and Downtown Redevelopment Grants to municipalities and nonprofits to help a community's downtown redevelopment effort, focusing on the improvement of downtown sites and buildings. The eligible projects may include approaches that assist in business development and/or public improvements in core communities. Typical grants average between \$250,000 and \$500,000; no required match level, but matching should be demonstrated. No minimum or maximum.

Contact – (866) GO-NEWPA / (866) 466-3972 or [ReadySet Succeed@newPA.com](mailto:ReadySetSucceed@newPA.com).

Guaranteed Free Training Program (GFT-WEDnetPA) – Basic skills and information technology training for new employees and new and expanding businesses. Basic skills include up to \$450 per trainee and \$100,000 per company. Information Technology includes up to \$700 per trainee and \$50,000 per company. Trainees must be residents of Pennsylvania and be employed in Pennsylvania. Participating trainees must earn more than 150 percent of current minimum wage.

Contact – WednetPA: 14 state universities and S.W. Center, 15 PA community colleges, Penn College of Technology, N.C. Industrial Technical Education Center, University of Pittsburgh at Bradford, Gtr. Altoona and Lancaster County Career/Tech Centers; (866) GO-NEWPA / (866) 466-3972 or [ReadySet Succeed@newPA.com](mailto:ReadySetSucceed@newPA.com).

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Home Ownership Choice Program – An incentive of the Pennsylvania Housing Finance Agency (PHFA) to finance new, single-family home construction in blighted areas of the Commonwealth. A sponsoring partnership must exist of the municipal entity, a for-profit building/developer and a non-profit builder/developer. HCP funding must be matched by the sponsoring organization on at least a one-to-one basis. 50 percent of the match requirement being provided by the municipality. Project proposals must be submitted to PHFA by specific deadlines.

Contact – PHFA, www.phfa.org, Robert Bobinchek at (717) 780-1801; (866) GO-NEWPA / (866) 466-3972 or [ReadySet Succeed@newPA.com](mailto:ReadySetSucceed@newPA.com).

HOME Program – Federally funded program provides local governments with loan and technical assistance to expand the supply of decent and affordable housing for low and very low-income Pennsylvanians. A 25 percent local match on project costs from non-federal resources for existing housing is required. A 30 percent local match is required for new construction. Maximum grant is \$500,000. Local governments, which are not in HUD participating jurisdictions and local governments on behalf of private and non-profit and for-profit housing development corporations are eligible to apply.

Contact – DCED at (717) 720-7402; (866) GO-NEWPA / (866) 466-3972 or [ReadySet Succeed@newPA.com](mailto:ReadySetSucceed@newPA.com).

Housing and Redevelopment Assistance (HRA) – Program provides state-funded grants for community revitalization and economic development activities to occur on a local level. Specifically, this program assists communities in becoming competitive for business, retention, expansion and attraction. It also funds projects that assist with community revitalization in the area of housing and low-income housing. Local governments, redevelopment authorities and housing authorities are eligible to apply. There is no minimum or maximum amount and grants average between \$150,000 and \$200,000.

Contact – (866) GO-NEWPA / (866) 466-3972 or [ReadySet Succeed@newPA.com](mailto:ReadySetSucceed@newPA.com).

Industrial Resource Center Network – Financial and technical assistance to manufacturers to improve their manufacturing operation. For small- to mid-sized manufacturers employing 500 or fewer people.

Contact – (866) GO-NEWPA / (866) 466-3972 or [ReadySet Succeed@newPA.com](mailto:ReadySetSucceed@newPA.com).

Industrial Sites Reuse Program – Grant and low-interest loan financing to perform environmental site assessment and remediation work at former industrial sites. Eligible are public entities, private nonprofit economic development entities, and companies involved in reuse of former industrial land. Entities that did not cause or contribute to environmental contamination are eligible also. It is used for Phase I, II and III environmental assessments; remediation of hazardous substances.

Contact – (866) GO-NEWPA / (866) 466-3972 or [ReadySet Succeed@newPA.com](mailto:ReadySetSucceed@newPA.com).

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Grants and loans up to \$200,000 for environmental assessments; Grants and loans up to \$1 million for remediation with interest rates of 2 percent. Letter of intent is required.

Infrastructure and Facilities Improvement Program – A multi-year grant program that will provide grants to certain issuers of debt in order to assist with the payment of debt service. Eligible are authorities that issue debt for tax increment financing; redevelopment authorities; convention center authorities, including municipal authorities formed for the purpose of convention center activities; and the Pennsylvania Economic Development Financing Authority. Used for payment of debt service incurred by the authority relating to debt issued for the project

Contact – (866) GO-NEWPA / (866) 466-3972 or [ReadySet Succeed@newPA.com](mailto:ReadySetSucceed@newPA.com).

Infrastructure Development Program (IDP) – Provides grant and low-interest loan financing for public and private infrastructure improvements. Loans and grants up to \$1.25 million.

Contact – Local industrial development authorities; Local municipal authorities; Redevelopment authorities; Local development districts; (866) GO-NEWPA / (866) 466-3972 or [ReadySet Succeed@newPA.com](mailto:ReadySetSucceed@newPA.com).

Job Creation Tax Credits – Program provides a \$1,000-per-job tax credit to businesses that will create new jobs in the Commonwealth within three years. Must create at least 25 new jobs or new jobs equaling at least 20 percent of the existing work force.

Contact – (866) GO-NEWPA / (866) 466-3972 or [ReadySet Succeed@newPA.com](mailto:ReadySetSucceed@newPA.com).

Keystone Innovation Starter Kit – Keystone Innovation Starter Kits are designed to recruit new, top-level research faculty to Pennsylvania academic medical centers and institutions of higher education to accelerate the development of a cluster of companies and employees in emerging and growing technology areas. Eligible are Academic Medical Centers and KIZ participating research colleges and universities. The funds will be utilized to “build out” labs, hire staff, and purchase equipment. These investments will attract new faculty researchers and bring additional support positions to the Commonwealth. An anticipated \$3 million in funding from fiscal year 2005-06 will be allocated to the Starter Kit Program. Approximately 12 new faculties will be hired at academic medical institutions and institutions of higher education. Typically an additional six to eight employees will be hired to support the new faculty including administrative and research assistants.

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Keystone Opportunity Zones (KOZ) – Provides state and local tax abatement to businesses and residents locating in one of the 12 designated zones. Eligible are qualified businesses, property owners and residents. Qualified means you satisfactorily meet the necessary criteria listed in the Act. It is used for businesses, property owners and residents that are located in a KOZ, KOEZ/KOIZ are eligible to receive significant state and local tax benefits.

Contact – Regional Zone Coordinators; Customer Service Center, KOZ Online Application; (866) GO-NEWPA / (866) 466-3972 or [ReadySet Succeed@newPA.com](mailto:ReadySetSucceed@newPA.com).

Keystone Recreation, Park and Conservation Fund – State grants to improve the physical facilities of public libraries. Joint applications are required from a sponsoring municipality (or Councils of Government and authorities approved by the participating local governing body of the COG or authority) and a state-aided public library. Used to construct new library buildings, renovate or rehabilitate existing facilities and make library buildings accessible for persons with disabilities. Requires a dollar for dollar match.

Contact – (866) GO-NEWPA / (866) 466-3972 or [ReadySet Succeed@newPA.com](mailto:ReadySetSucceed@newPA.com).

Land Use Planning and Technical Assistance Program (LUPTAP) – Provides grants for the preparation of community comprehensive plans and the ordinances to implement them. It promotes cooperation between municipalities. Approval must be obtained PRIOR to start of comprehensive plan. Applicants are to provide a minimum 50 percent match of cash or in-kind services.

Contact – (866) GO-NEWPA / (866) 466-3972 or [ReadySet Succeed@newPA.com](mailto:ReadySetSucceed@newPA.com).

Local Government Capital Project Loan Program – Provides low interest loans for the purchase of equipment and facility needs to small local governments. Fifty percent of the total cost of purchasing equipment up to a maximum of \$25,000 or 50 percent of the total cost for purchase, construction or renovation of municipal facilities up to a maximum of \$50,000.

Contact – Sharon Grau at (888) 223-6837; (866) GO-NEWPA / (866) 466-3972 or [ReadySet Succeed@newPA.com](mailto:ReadySetSucceed@newPA.com).

Local Municipal Resources and Development Program (LMRDP) – Grants to municipalities for improving quality of life within the community. Eligible are municipalities and non-profit entities. No minimum or maximum; typical grants are between \$5,000 and \$25,000.

Contact – (866) GO-NEWPA / (866) 466-3972 or [ReadySet Succeed@newPA.com](mailto:ReadySetSucceed@newPA.com).

Machinery and Equipment Loan Fund (MELF) – Low-interest loan financing to acquire and install new or used machinery and equipment or to upgrade existing machinery and equipment. Loans of up to \$5 million or 50 percent total eligible project costs, whichever is less.

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Main Street Program – A five-year program designed to help a downtown economic development effort. Municipalities and redevelopment authorities are eligible. Grants total \$115,000 over a five-year period. Match required.

Contact – (866) GO-NEWPA / (866) 466-3972 or [ReadySet Succeed@newPA.com](mailto:ReadySetSucceed@newPA.com).

Market Access Grant (MAG) – Designed to enhance the capability of small and mid-sized Pennsylvania companies to increase export sales. The Pennsylvania Market Access Grant (MAG) is a valuable tool available to qualifying companies seeking financial assistance and foreign market entry support. Eligible are export-ready Pennsylvania companies in good standing. The MAG program is designed to provide flexibility and encourage innovative use of funds to meet the specific international marketing needs of the applicant. Examples: trade mission participation, trade show exhibition, consultant fees for web site internationalization, training and workshops (CE Mark, CSA, ISO, etc.). Matching grant with maximum annual award of \$5,000.00 per company

Contact – Regional Export Network; Center for Trade Development; (866) GO-NEWPA / (866) 466-3972 or [ReadySet Succeed@newPA.com](mailto:ReadySetSucceed@newPA.com).

Neighborhood Assistance Program (NAP) – Tax credit program to encourage businesses to donate capital that can be used to provide eligible services to low-income persons or distressed neighborhoods. Eligible are non-profits and for profit businesses. A project must serve low-income persons or residents of economically distressed neighborhoods. Projects must fall under one of the following categories: community services, crime prevention education, job training or neighborhood assistance.

Contact – (866) GO-NEWPA / (866) 466-3972 or [ReadySet Succeed@newPA.com](mailto:ReadySetSucceed@newPA.com).

Neighborhood Assistance Program/Comprehensive Service Program – Tax credit (corporate tax liability) for businesses that sponsor a neighborhood organization to develop and implement a neighborhood revitalization plan by contributing a substantial amount of cash per year over an extended period of time. Eligible is any business or industry, including insurance companies, utilities, banks and savings and loans.

Contact – (866) GO-NEWPA / (866) 466-3972 or [ReadySet Succeed@newPA.com](mailto:ReadySetSucceed@newPA.com).

Neighborhood Assistance, Enterprise Zone Tax Credit (NAP-EZP) – An incentive program that provides tax credits to businesses investing in or making physical improvements to properties located within designated enterprise zones. Eligible is any business or industry, including insurance companies, utilities, banks, savings and loans. Used for real property improvements such as rehab, expansion or physical improvements to buildings or land located within designated enterprise zones.

Contact – (866) GO-NEWPA / (866) 466-3972 or [ReadySet Succeed@newPA.com](mailto:ReadySetSucceed@newPA.com).

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Neighborhood Assistance, Neighborhood Partnership Program (NAP/NPP) – Corporate tax liability credit for businesses that sponsor a neighborhood organization to develop and implement a neighborhood revitalization plan by contributing a substantial amount of cash per year over an extended period of time. Eligible are non-profits and for profit businesses. Programs must serve clients who are low-income and residents of economically distressed neighborhoods specified by the neighborhood organization. Projects must fall under one of the following categories: Housing; education; health and social services; community development; job training; crime prevention; and community participation.

Contact – (866) GO-NEWPA / (866) 466-3972 or [ReadySet Succeed@newPA.com](mailto:ReadySetSucceed@newPA.com).

New PA Venture Capital Investment Program – Loans to venture capital partnerships to invest in growth-stage PA companies. Venture capital investment firms are eligible. Used for investment in young job-producing companies; investments must be made in underserved areas defined as outside the Philadelphia MSA and those with populations below 1 million. Amounts are variable and to be determined by the Commonwealth Financing Authority.

Contact – Commonwealth Financing Authority; (866) GO-NEWPA / (866) 466-3972 or [ReadySet Succeed@newPA.com](mailto:ReadySetSucceed@newPA.com).

New Pennsylvania Venture Guarantee Program – Guarantees to top-tier venture capital partnerships for investments in growth stage pa companies. Venture Capital partnerships are eligible. It is used for Guarantees on the first losses of equity investment made in Pennsylvania companies.

Contact – Refer to Commonwealth Financing Authority; (866) GO-NEWPA / (866) 466-3972 or [ReadySet Succeed@newPA.com](mailto:ReadySetSucceed@newPA.com).

Opportunity Grant Program – Provides grant funds to create or preserve jobs within the Commonwealth. Projects must offer substantial economic impact; 4:1 private match required.

Contact – (866) GO-NEWPA / (866) 466-3972 or [ReadySet Succeed@newPA.com](mailto:ReadySetSucceed@newPA.com).

Pennsylvania Accessible Housing Program (PAHP) – Provides grants to local entities to carry out home modification programs that will enable low-and moderate-income persons with physical disabilities of all ages to make their home more accessible. No minimum or maximum; grants average \$250,000.

Contact – (866) GO-NEWPA / (866) 466-3972 or [ReadySet Succeed@newPA.com](mailto:ReadySetSucceed@newPA.com).

Pennsylvania Base Development Committee – This initiative is designed to assist local defense organizations in protecting and promoting the 71,133 active, reserve, National Guard and Department of Defense positions within the Commonwealth that are at risk because of the BRAC 2005 process that is currently underway. Local Gov/non-profits incorporated to function as a local defense group are eligible. Grants typically range between \$75,000 and \$250,000

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Pennsylvania Capital Access Program (PennCAP) – Loan guarantee through participating banks to be used to support a wide variety of business purposes. It is used for land, building, equipment, working capital. Guaranteed loans up to \$500,000.

Contact – Participating banks. Check with DCED on banks in your region., (866) GO-NEWPA / (866) 466-3972 or **ReadySet Succeed@newPA.com**.

Pennsylvania Community Development Bank Loan Program (PCD Bank) – Debt financing for Community Development Financial Institutions (CDFIs). Eligible are public funds (25 percent) matched with private sector funds (75 percent) to create a loan pool for eligible CDFIs; state accredited community development financial institution. CDFI must meet state accreditation standards and program underwriting guidelines. Minimum two years lending experience. Focus on economic development and job creation.

Contact – DCED Center for Business Financing, (866) GO-NEWPA / (866) 466-3972 or **ReadySet Succeed@newPA.com**.

Pennsylvania Economic Development Financing Authority (PEDFA) Tax Exempt Bond Program – Tax-exempt and taxable bonds, both in pooled transactions and stand-alone transactions, to be used to finance land, building, equipment, working capital and refinancing. Eligible is manufacturing; nonprofit 501(c) (3); energy; solid waste disposal; wastewater treatment; transportation facilities; assisted living/housing. Program is used for land and building acquisition; building renovation and new construction; machinery and equipment acquisition and installation; designated infrastructure.

Contact – Industrial Development Authorities and Corporations, (866) GO-NEWPA / (866) 466-3972 or **ReadySet Succeed@newPA.com**.

Pennsylvania Economic Development Financing Authority (Taxable) (PEDFA) – Tax-exempt and taxable bonds, both in pooled transactions and stand-alone transactions, to be used to finance land, building, equipment, working capital and refinancing. Loans no less than \$400,000, up to 100 percent of project costs.

Contact – Industrial development authorities and corporations, (866) GO-NEWPA / (866) 466-3972 or **ReadySet Succeed@newPA.com**.

Pennsylvania Industrial Development Authority (PIDA) – Low-interest loan financing through industrial development corporations for land and building acquisition, construction and renovation resulting in the creation or retention of jobs. Loans up to \$2 million (within Enterprise Zones, Act 47 communities, Brownfield sites, and Keystone Opportunity Zones, up to \$2.25 million).

Contact – local industrial development corporations, (866) GO-NEWPA / (866) 466-3972 or **ReadySet Succeed@newPA.com**.

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Pennsylvania Infrastructure Investment Authority (PennVEST) – Low-interest loans for design, engineering and construction of publicly and privately owned drinking water distribution and treatment facilities, storm water conveyance and wastewater treatment and collection systems. Up to \$11 million per project for one municipality; Up to \$20 million for more than one municipality; Up to \$2 million for upfront (5 year loan) design and engineering; Up to 100 percent of the eligible project costs; average project size is \$1.5 million.

Contact – www.pennvest.state.pa.us. Refer to PennVEST section of the directory for further details; (866) GO-NEWPA / (866) 466-3972 or [ReadySet Succeed@newPA.com](mailto:ReadySetSucceed@newPA.com).

Pennsylvania Minority Business Development Authority (PMBDA) – Low-interest loan financing to business owned and operated by ethnic minorities. Can be used for land and building acquisition, building construction and renovation, machinery and equipment acquisition and installation, working capital.

Contact – (866) GO-NEWPA / (866) 466-3972 or [ReadySet Succeed@newPA.com](mailto:ReadySetSucceed@newPA.com).

PNC's Pennsylvania Working Capital Growth Fund – PNC's Pennsylvania Working Capital Growth Fund is designed to provide low-interest revolving line of credit working capital financing, up to \$100,000,000 in funds available to lend. The closing of this program will be December 31, 2007. Small/medium sized businesses creating or retaining jobs in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania with annual sales up to \$30 million are eligible.

Contact – PNC's hotline at 1(800) PNC-7660 / 1(800) 762-7660 or visit PNC Web site at www.pncbank.com/paworkingcapfund; (866) GO-NEWPA / (866) 466-3972 or [ReadySet Succeed@newPA.com](mailto:ReadySetSucceed@newPA.com).

Pollution Prevention Assistance Account (PPAA) – Assistance for small businesses that helps implement pollution prevention and energy efficiency projects, enabling these businesses to adopt or install equipment or processes that reduce pollution or energy use. Loans up to \$100,000 or 75 percent of total eligible project cost whichever is less.

Contact – local area loan organizations, local industrial resource centers; or (866) GO-NEWPA / (866) 466-3972 or [ReadySet Succeed@newPA.com](mailto:ReadySetSucceed@newPA.com).

Rail Freight Assistance (RFA) – Grants to build or repair rail lines or spurs. Up to \$750,000 or no greater than 75 percent of total cost, whichever is less, for maintenance projects; Up to \$100,000 or no greater than 50 percent, whichever is less, for construction projects. Local match: 25 percent for maintenance, 50 percent for construction; Agreement to maintain active rail operations for 5 years.

Contact – PennDOT www.dot.state.pa.us. Bureau of Rail Freight. All applications must be filed electronically. Refer to Department of Transportation section of the directory for further details; (866) GO-NEWPA / (866) 466-3972 or [ReadySet Succeed@newPA.com](mailto:ReadySetSucceed@newPA.com).

Regional Police Assistance Grant Program – Provides grants for a period of up to three years for the start-up of consolidated police departments. Any two or more municipalities that regionalize are eligible for \$99,000 in grants for regional police chief salary and other expenses for up to 3 years.

Contact – (866) GO-NEWPA / (866) 466-3972 or [ReadySet Succeed@newPA.com](mailto:ReadySetSucceed@newPA.com).

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Research and Development Tax Credit – Allows companies holding qualifying Research and Development Tax Credits to apply for approval to sell those tax credits and assign them to the buyer(s). It is used for applied research and development expenditures. 10 percent tax credit of company's increased research and development expenses over a base period (pro-rated to not exceed \$15 million annual cap for all businesses); Up to 20 percent of total pool set aside for small businesses. Applicable to CNI, CSFT and PIT tax liability; unused credits may be carried over for up to 15 succeeding taxable years.

Contact –GO-NEWPA / (866) 466-3972 or [ReadySet Succeed@newPA.com](mailto:ReadySetSucceed@newPA.com).

Second Stage Loan Program – Loan Guarantees for working capital for 2- to 7-year-old manufacturing, biotech, and technology-oriented companies. Pennsylvania banks are eligible. Preference will be given to guarantees for working capital; land, building, machinery and equipment also eligible. Program Guidelines to be approved and issued by Commonwealth Finance Authority.

Visit www.newpa.com to confirm. Banks will be required to enroll in the program through DCED; (866) GO-NEWPA / (866) 466-3972 or [ReadySet Succeed@newPA.com](mailto:ReadySetSucceed@newPA.com).

Shared Municipal Services Program (SMSP) – Provides grant funds that promote cooperation among municipalities. Also encourages more efficient and effective delivery of municipal services on a cooperative basis. No minimum or maximum; grants range between \$10,000 and \$25,000; 50 percent match required.

Contact – (866) GO-NEWPA / (866) 466-3972 or [ReadySet Succeed@newPA.com](mailto:ReadySetSucceed@newPA.com).

Small Business Development Centers (SBDCs) – Technical assistance and consulting services to current and prospective entrepreneurs. Areas of expertise range from business plan development and implementation to issue areas related to current business operations.

Contact – Local small business development centers; (866) GO-NEWPA / (866) 466-3972 or [ReadySet Succeed@newPA.com](mailto:ReadySetSucceed@newPA.com).

Small Business First (SBF) – Provides funding for small businesses (100 or fewer employees), including low-interest loan financing for land and building acquisition and construction, machinery and equipment and working capital. Loans up to \$200,000 or 40 percent of total eligible project costs, whichever is less. Maximum loan amount for working capital is \$100,000, or 40 percent of total eligible project costs which-ever is less.

Contact – Area loan organizations, (866) GO-NEWPA / (866) 466-3972 or [ReadySet Succeed@newPA.com](mailto:ReadySetSucceed@newPA.com).

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Sovereign Bank – Small Business Growth Lending Program – The Small Business Growth Lending Program works concurrently with other site preparation, infrastructure and business investment programs. Eligible are businesses located in PA. Must be in business a minimum of 6 months (except new professional services firms such as attorneys, physicians, dentists, etc.). Loans range from \$250,000 to \$2,500,000.

Contact – Sovereign Bank or (877) 768-1145; (866) GO-NEWPA / (866) 466-3972 or [ReadySet Succeed@newPA.com](mailto:ReadySetSucceed@newPA.com).

Tax Increment Financing (TIF) Guarantee Program – Promotes and stimulates the general economic welfare of various regions and communities in the Commonwealth and assists in the development, redevelopment and revitalization of Brown-field and Greenfield sites in accordance with the TIF Act. Eligible are all municipalities and their authorities, including boroughs, townships, towns, counties and home rules that issue TIF bonds to fund local economic development projects.

Contact – (866) GO-NEWPA / (866) 466-3972 or [ReadySet Succeed@newPA.com](mailto:ReadySetSucceed@newPA.com).

Tourism Marketing Grant Programs – These are guidelines for Matching Funds & Set-asides as well as Regional Marketing Initiatives and Cultural & Heritage Programs.

Contact – Janice Collier at jcollier@state.pa.us; (866) GO-NEWPA / (866) 466-3972 or [ReadySet Succeed@newPA.com](mailto:ReadySetSucceed@newPA.com).

Underground Storage Tank Upgrade Loan Program (USTULP) – Low-interest loan financing to business owners of regulated underground storage tanks to meet federal Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) upgrade requirement. Eligible are business owners of regulated underground storage tanks to meet Federal Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) upgrade requirements. \$500,000 or 75 percent of the total eligible cost, whichever is less, 10 years maximum term.

Contact – (866) GO-NEWPA / (866) 466-3972 or [ReadySet Succeed@newPA.com](mailto:ReadySetSucceed@newPA.com).

Urban Development Program (UDP) – Provides grants for urban development and improvement projects to municipalities and non-profit entities. No minimum or maximum; grants range between \$5,000 and \$25,000

Contact – (866) GO-NEWPA / (866) 466-3972 or [ReadySet Succeed@newPA.com](mailto:ReadySetSucceed@newPA.com).

Water Supply and Wastewater Infrastructure Program (PennWorks) – A program to ensure safe water supply and proper wastewater infrastructure. Eligible are municipalities, industrial development corporations, municipal authorities, investor-owned water or wastewater enterprise are eligible. It is used for water and sewer projects not used solely for residential purposes.

Contact – (866) GO-NEWPA / (866) 466-3972 or [ReadySet Succeed@newPA.com](mailto:ReadySetSucceed@newPA.com).

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Weatherization Assistance Program – A federal program, which works to minimize the adverse effects of high energy costs on low-income, elderly and handicapped citizens through client education activities and by providing high quality weatherization services. Non-profit organizations and local governments are eligible to apply.

Contact – DCED Karl Kimmel, 787-1984; (866) GO-NEWPA / (866) 466-3972 or [ReadySet Succeed@newPA.com](mailto:ReadySetSucceed@newPA.com).

Workforce Investment Act of 1998 – A federal program that provides job training to eligible individuals. Provides private and public sector employers up to 50 percent of wage rate for employees while in training and up to actual costs of classroom training, training-related and supportive services.

Contact – www.paworkforce.state.pa.us or local Career Link center; (866) GO-NEWPA / (866) 466-3972 or [ReadySet Succeed@newPA.com](mailto:ReadySetSucceed@newPA.com).

Workforce Leadership Grants – Improve the supply of, and create a pipeline for, technology based industries in Pennsylvania that will require highly skilled technical workers to compete in a globally competitive technology-based economy. Education programs cutting across secondary and post-secondary education are eligible. It is used to develop and implement 2+2+2 secondary and post-secondary education programs. Up to \$300,000 for 2+2+2 grant; up to \$100,000 for expansion of an existing program. 2+2+2 grants require strong business participation, articulation agreements and program guarantees.

Contact – (866) GO-NEWPA / (866) 466-3972 or [ReadySet Succeed@newPA.com](mailto:ReadySetSucceed@newPA.com).

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http://www.dcnr.state.pa.us Open Applications: Call the Regional Advisor offices @ (717) 772-3839 for more information

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551 to 553 Forum Building

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3000 Liberty Ave.

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Phone: (412) 880-0486

Fax: (412) 565-2635

E-mail: kfrankel@state.pa.us

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DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION & NATURAL RESOURCES (DCNR)

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Heritage Areas Program – Promotes public-private partnerships to preserve and enhance natural, cultural, historical and recreational resources to stimulate economic development through heritage tourism. Grants are awarded for planning, acquisition and development of historic, cultural and nature tourism projects and can only be obtained through one of the twelve designated Heritage Areas in PA. Information is available at any DCNR regional office.

Grants require a 25 percent to 50 percent cash match. Depending on the type of grant.

Land Trust Grants – Provides 50 percent funding for acquisition and planning of open space and natural areas which face imminent loss. Lands must be open to public use and priority is given to environmental areas and habitat for threatened species. Eligible applicants are pre-qualified nonprofit land trusts and conservancies.

Pennsylvania Recreational Trails Grant Program (PRTG)
– Provides funds to develop and maintain recreational trails and trail related facilities for motorized and non-motorized recreational trail use. For this grant round, the department has approximately \$1 million available for grants. This funding must be distributed among motorized, non-motorized, and diverse trail use, as follows:

- 40 percent minimum for diverse trail use
- 30 percent minimum for motorized recreation
- 30 percent minimum for non-motorized recreation

Information is available at any DCNR regional office.

Match requirements are 80 percent grant money and 20 percent project applicant money. Eligible applicants include federal and state agencies, local governments and private organizations.

Acquisition projects require a 50/50 cash match.

Snowmobile and All-Terrain Vehicle (ATV) – Provides up to 80 percent funding with a 20 percent minimum match required for planning, maintenance, and development grants for trails and facilities. Up to 50 percent funding provided for acquisition of a fee simple title to real property or a less than fee interest such as an easement in connection with snowmobile and/or ATV use.

A special set-aside of approximately one-third of the annual grant funds will be targeted for county, multi-county and regional authority projects. If the demand is not received for these types of projects, the balance of the set-aside will be used to fund other snowmobile and ATV applications.

Bureau of Forestry Grants – Grant Funding from the U.S. Forest Service and administered through DCNR, Bureau of Forestry is available to rural volunteer fire companies that serve populations of 10,000 or less. The grant is a 50 percent match with a maximum grant amount of \$7,500. A priority of project funding is for the purchase of wildfire suppression equipment and protective clothing. Grants can also be awarded for maintenance of federal excess equipment, wildfire training, dry hydrants and mobile and portable radios.

Grants cannot exceed 50 percent of the actual expenditures during any one fiscal year; maximum grant is \$7,500. Matching funds required.

Priority on applications goes to seeking funds for projects that include the purchase of wildfire suppression equipment and protective clothing.

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Contact – Charles C. Choplick, Program Specialist, at (717) 787-2925 or visit the Bureau of Forestry at <http://www.state.pa.us> Keyword: “forests”

COMMUNITY GRANTS

Municipalities and municipal agencies are eligible applicants. The department provides grant funding at a level not to exceed 50 percent of eligible costs unless noted otherwise.

Deadline: Call the Regional Advisor office @ (717) 772-3839 for more information

Comprehensive Recreation, Park and Open Space Plans
– Grants to develop a comprehensive long-range planning document that provides strategies to address a municipality’s recreation, park and open space needs.

Information is available at any DCNR regional office.

Conservation/Sound Land Use – Grants to encourage conservation planning and sound land use. Either as a stand-alone product or as part of comprehensive recreation, park and open space or a municipal plan, the department will fund studies that advance conservation or sound land-use strategies or practices identified in existing plans.

Information is available at any DCNR regional office.

County Natural Areas Inventories – Grants to inventory important natural areas, habitats for species of special concern, significant natural plant communities and areas important for open space, recreation and wildlife habitat. Inventories are done on a county or multi-county area.

Information is available at any DCNR regional office.

Feasibility Studies (Swimming Pool/Recreation Facilities)
– Grants to determine the feasibility of acquiring, developing or rehabilitating swimming pools, ice rinks, sports complexes, recreation centers, etc. DCNR usually requires the completion of these studies before a municipality is funded for development or rehabilitation of major facilities under the Community Conservation Partnership Program (C2P2) Acquisition and Development Grants.

Greenways – Grants to explore establishing, developing and managing linear corridors of open space along streams, shorelines, wetlands, canals, ridge tops, etc. These corridors are studied to create recreational trails and bikeways, park connectors, and for environmental protection. DCNR has separate grant programs for river conservation and rail-trail planning.

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Master Site Plans – Grants to design the proposed development of a neighborhood, community, or regional park. Site control, either through ownership or a long-term lease, is required.

Peer-to-Peer Technical Assistance – Grants of up to 90 percent of eligible costs (\$10,000 maximum). These projects help municipalities and other local groups improve their park, recreation and conservation services through a collaborative process. Projects are accomplished through consultant contracts with experienced park, recreation and conservation professionals working closely with community leaders. Examples of eligible projects include the forming of a new intergovernmental recreation and park agency (which is a high priority for the Bureau); improving management of a specific facility like a community center, trail, or pool; conducting an overall management assessment of an agency's park and recreation services, and park and recreation board training and development.

DCNR applications are accepted at any time of the year. Information is available at any DCNR regional office.

Circuit Riders – These projects provide grant funds for county or regional organizations to hire a professional, full-time staff person. The circuit rider's purpose is to initiate new programs and services for counties and municipalities and organizations that individually do not have the financial resources to hire a professional staff person. Available grant funding for the circuit rider's salary decreases from 100 percent the first year to 75 percent the second year, 50 percent the third and 25 percent the fourth year.

Circuit Rider grant applications are accepted 12 months a year. Required Peer to Peer study first.

Information is available at any DCNR regional office.

Park and Recreation Areas Acquisition – Grants to acquire areas of land, water, or both for any neighborhood, community or regional public park and recreation site. Property may be acquired for active and/or passive recreation use to create new park and recreation areas or expand existing areas.

Information is available at any DCNR regional office.

Rehabilitation and Development Park Grants – Provides grants for rehabilitation and development of public indoor and outdoor park, recreation and conservation areas and facilities. Support facilities that serve park and recreation areas may be eligible for funding and include such items as locker/rest rooms, comfort stations, utilities, roads, parking lots, walks, lighting, signs, and landscaping.

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Small Community Development Grants – Municipalities with a population of 5,000 people or less are eligible to apply for funding under this project type. Eligible projects include but are not limited to rehabilitation and development of basic park and recreation facilities such as picnic areas, playgrounds, fitness courses, hiking and nature trails, and support facilities. DCNR strongly encourages the development of projects for new or renovated play areas that will meet current standards for safety and accessibility.

The Small Community program is an 80/20 matching program with a maximum grant amount of \$48,000. Small Communities projects can receive up to 100 percent funding for the first \$20,000. Where the first 20 percent match would cause the grant amount to be less than \$20,000, the match requirement may be waived. The required match may be cash, non-cash or a land donation. If there is non-cash match, that amount may be no more than 20 percent of the required local match.

RIVERS GRANTS

Both municipalities and appropriate and authorized organizations are eligible applicants. The department provides grant funding at a level not to exceed 50 percent of eligible costs.

Rivers Conservation Plans – Grants to study watersheds or rivers, including streams and creeks, to identify significant river resources, potential threats to these resources, and recommend restoration, maintenance or enhancement actions.

Information is available at any DCNR regional office.

Rivers Implementation Projects – Grants directed to resolution of specific issues for a river that is on the Pennsylvania Rivers Conservation Registry (Investigations into river access, water quality monitoring, and preparation of ordinances and zoning documents are eligible activities.)

Information is available at any DCNR regional office.

Rivers Conservation Acquisition Grants – Grants to acquire areas of land, water, or both, which promotes rivers conservation within river segments or watersheds listed on the PA Rivers Conservation Registry. Projects must be recommended in an approved Rivers Conservation Plan.

Information is available at any DCNR regional office.

Rivers Conservation Development Grants – Provides grants to improve, restore and enhance the cultural, biological, ecological and recreational values of waterways. The project must lie within river segments or watersheds listed on the PA Rivers Conservation Registry and recommended in an approved Rivers Conservation Plan. Eligible projects include riverbank stabilization, stream relief initiatives, river corridor recreation development, recreational access use, stream improvements, archeological, historical and critical habitat restoration and protection. Support facilities such as access roads, parking areas, comfort stations, utilities, landscaping, etc. are also eligible for funding.

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Both municipalities and appropriate and authorized organizations are eligible applicants. DCNR provides grant funding at a level not to exceed 50 percent of eligible costs.

Rail-Trail Feasibility Studies – Grants to determine the feasibility of converting available railroad rights-of-way to a trail. Site control, either through ownership or a long-term lease, is not required in order to conduct the study.

Information is available at any DCNR regional office.

Rail-Trail Master Plans – Grants to develop a design detailing the proposed development of the trail. Site control, either through ownership or a long-term lease, is required.

Information is available at any DCNR regional office.

Rail-Trail Special Purpose Studies – Grants to develop a detailed study on a particular issue or structure (culverts, bridges, tunnels) that impacts the conversion of a rail corridor to a trail. Site control, either through ownership or a long-term lease, is required.

Information is available at any DCNR regional office.

Greenways and Trails Acquisition Grants – Grants to acquire areas of land, water, or both which provides a linear recreation, conservation or open space corridor along a natural or man-made feature.

Information is available at any DCNR regional office.

Greenways and Trails Development Grants – Provides grants for the renovation and development of linear public facilities such as bicycle, walking, equestrian, snowmobile, nature trails, and passive recreation areas, riparian forest buffers, wetland boardwalks, observation decks, etc. and related support facilities, access roads, parking areas, lighting, landscaping and signage directly related to the project are also eligible for funding.

Information is available at any DCNR regional office.

Rails-to-Trails Acquisition – Grants to acquire abandoned railroad rights-of-way for public recreational trail use and adjacent lands for trail access or related support facilities.

Information is available at any DCNR regional office.

Rails-to-Trails Development Grants – Provides grants for renovation and development of abandoned railroad rights-of-way or lands available for trail purposes under rail banking. Development includes construction of trails and associated structures; support facilities such as access roads, parking areas, interpretive facilities, and comfort facilities. Related facilities such as walks, lighting, landscaping, and signage for trail use are eligible.

Information is available at any DCNR regional office.

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Arts Organizations and Arts Programs (AOAP) Track

– Support for eligible arts organizations and arts programs that have consistently received PCA funding available through the AOAP or Entry Tracks or PPA Program Stream.

Organizations must have met eligibility requirements and been notified by the PCA to apply. The AOAP Track funds over 250 organizations on an ongoing basis.

Applicants must be able to match the PCA on a dollar-for-dollar basis before an award will be made.

Deadline – AOAP December 7th, annually (for September – August activity period)

Entry Track – This program serves as the point of entry for organizations or programs to the Arts Organization and Arts Program Track (AOAP) (see AOAP program description, above), as organizations and arts programs must be invited to apply to the AOAP Track.

Entry Track supports eligible arts organizations and arts programs that generally have a history of at least one-year of consistent arts/cultural programming. PCA staff is available to Entry Track organizations for consultation and assistance. Potential applicants interested in this track must contact the PCA prior to the deadline to schedule a phone interview and to receive additional information.

Entry Track organizations and programs may stay in this Track for one to four years. However, after a maximum of four years, applicants must leave this Track and apply to either the PPA Program or the AOAP Track.

Who can apply – Generally, an organization is eligible to apply if at the time of application the arts organization or program has: an average fiscal size over \$200,000; at least one year of ongoing stable arts programming; non-profit [501(c)(3)], tax-exempt corporations, a unit of government, or school district providing arts programming and/or arts services in Pennsylvania. An arts program may apply through a fiscal sponsor to the Entry Track. An organization is NOT eligible to apply to Entry Track if the organization is: currently funded by a Pennsylvania Partners in the Arts (PPA) regional Partner, or will apply to a PPA Partner within the same funding period; planning to conduct a one-time only arts project. For clarification on eligibility requirements, please contact the PCA at (717) 787-6883, ext. 3033.

Applicants must be able to match the PCA on a dollar-for-dollar basis before an award will be made.

Deadline – December 7th, annually (for a September 1 – August 31 activity period).

Pennsylvania Partners in the Arts (PPA) Program Stream

– Through 13 regional Partner organizations across the state, the PCA re-grants state arts funds to support a wide variety of local and community arts organizations and programs.

Implemented in 1997, the PPA program was designed with the goal of expanding the availability of state arts dollars to local and regional communities throughout the Commonwealth.

Through PPA Partner organizations, a streamlined application process, and ongoing technical support, the PPA program has increased access to state arts dollars throughout all 67 Pennsylvania counties.

Applications for funding are available in January from your regional PPA Partner. To determine the appropriate regional Partner organization for your project, see the list at http://www.pacouncilonthearts.org/ppa-partners_contact.cfm.

Who can apply – Generally, an organization is eligible to apply if at the time of application the arts organization or program has: an average fiscal size under \$200,000; at least one year of ongoing stable arts pro-

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gramming; non-profit [501(c)(3)], tax-exempt corporations, a unit of government, or school district providing arts programming and/or arts services in Pennsylvania. An arts program may apply through a fiscal sponsor to the PPA Program Stream.

Organizations who may not meet the eligibility requirements of the AOAP or Entry Track may be eligible for application to the Pennsylvania Partners in the Arts (PPA) program.

An organization is NOT eligible to apply to the PPA Program Stream if the organization is: currently funded through the AOAP or Entry Tracks, or PPA Partner in the Arts Project Stream within the same funding period; or if the organization is planning to conduct a one-time only arts project. For clarification on eligibility requirements, please contact the PCA at (717) 787-6883, ext. 3033.

Applicants must be able to match the PCA on a dollar-for-dollar basis before an award will be made.

Deadline – March 1st, annually (for a September 1 – August 31 activity period).

Pennsylvania Partners in the Arts (PPA) – Project Stream

– Through 13 regional Partner organizations across the state, the PCA re-grants state arts funds to support a wide variety of local and community arts activities. Implemented in 1997, the PPA program was designed with the goal of expanding the availability of state arts dollars to local and regional communities throughout the Commonwealth. Through PPA Partner organizations, a streamlined application process, and ongoing technical support, the PPA program has increased access to state arts dollars throughout all 67 Pennsylvania counties.

Activities supported through PPA awards include, but are not limited to, local and regional celebrations and festivals; classical, jazz, opera and community band concerts; theater productions; visual arts exhibitions and workshops; visiting authors and poets; hands-on art experiences for children and youth; and arts programs at heritage events, libraries, schools and senior citizen centers across the Commonwealth.

Applications for funding are available in the Spring from your regional PPA Partner. To determine the appropriate regional Partner organization for your project, see the list at http://www.pacouncilonthearts.org/pa-partners_contact.cfm.

Who can apply – Nonprofit arts organizations that have nonprofit 501 (c)(3) status from the IRS; emerging arts organizations, including those that have applied for but have not yet received 501 (c)(3); community-based organizations, entities of local government and churches or faith-based organizations that present arts activities to promote artistic enrichment and appreciation for Commonwealth residents; individual artists (age 18 or older) or a consortia of artists

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who present arts activities to promote artistic enrichment and appreciation to residents of Commonwealth.

Note: For additional consultation as to whether your project is eligible for PPA funding, contact your local PPA Partner organization for additional information and application assistance.

Applicants must be able to match the PCA on a dollar-for-dollar basis before an award will be made.

Deadline – June 30th, annually (for September – August activity period)

Local Government – Categories for Local Government grants are as follows – **Arts Programs** – on-going programs, such as concert series in the park, children's summer program, community festival, administered by the local government; **Arts Projects** – one time projects such as art in the park, or downtown mural projects, administered by the local government and completed in one year; **Re-grant Programs** – awards to local organizations for art/cultural programs, administered by the local government; **Pass Through** – funds to a non-profit local arts agency for programs, projects, administration, and re-grant programs, administered by the local arts agency; and **Other** – for clarification or consultation regarding the eligibility of a program or project, contact the Local Government Program Director at the PCA 717-787-6883, ext. 3027.

The maximum request for Local Government grants is \$10,000, though awards generally do not exceed \$5,000 per year.

Who can apply – This funding program is open to all local governments in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania (providing arts programming and/or arts services in Pennsylvania).

Local Government applicants must be able to match the PCA on a dollar-for-dollar basis before an award will be made.

Deadline – September 1st, annually (for January – December activity period).

Arts In Education Residencies – This division places practicing, professional artists in residence in schools and community settings. These artists are listed in the Directory of Pennsylvania Artists in Education, which is a juried list of artists with expertise in education. The division fosters educational improvement through participation in the creative process in schools and community settings, via residencies, projects, and partnerships between schools or other educational institutions, artists, and arts organizations.

The Arts in Education Division is administered through a partnership of 12 regional education organizations across the state.

Pennsylvania Schools or school districts are eligible to apply for either a single or multiple residencies to take place over periods of days.

For more information about the program or partnership contacts, view the AIE section at www.pacouncilonthearts.org/aie.

Applicants must be able to match the PCA on a dollar-for-dollar basis before an award will be made.

Deadline – February 1st, annually (for September – August activity period)

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Preserving Diverse Cultures Division – The Preserving Diverse Cultures (PDC) Division supports organizational stabilization and expansion of arts and cultural programming in culturally specific communities. The division focuses on the development of culturally-specific organizations and the training of capable administrators therein.

Eligible organizations include those whose mission is deeply rooted in and reflective of the African American, Asian American, Hispanic/Latino, and Native American perspectives. The applicant's programs, perspective, and staff must be representative of those communities.

First-time applicants are encouraged to contact Charon Battles, (717) 787-6883, ext. 3025, PDC Program Director, prior to completing an application.

Deadline – March 1st, annually (for September – August activity period).

Accessibility to the Arts in Pennsylvania for Individuals with Disabilities – This division's goal is to create opportunities for individuals with disabilities to more fully participate in the cultural life of Pennsylvania. This funding opportunity is available to arts organizations and programs to assist them in making their arts programs, materials, and other events accessible to individuals with disabilities, and/or in encouraging the artistic participation of artists with disabilities.

Applicants must be able to match the PCA on a dollar-for-dollar basis before an award will be made.

Deadline – February 1st, annually (for September – August activity period)

SUPPORT FOR ARTISTS:

Individual Creative Artists Fellowship Program – The PCA awards non-matching fellowships, in fixed amounts of \$5,000 or \$10,000, to eligible Pennsylvania artists of talent, to enable them to pursue their artistic goals. The PCA selects these artists using a highly-qualified jury of arts professionals whose recommendations are submitted to the Council for final approval. Fellowship awards are highly competitive. Only a small percentage of applicants receive awards.

Guidelines are available in the late Spring/early Summer in print form at www.pacouncilonthearts.org/app_downloads.cfm. Applicants are required to submit online through CueRate™, an online, electronic process.

Fellowship discipline categories:

- Arts Commentary
- Crafts
- Folk & Traditional Arts
- Literature
- Media Arts
- Music
- Theatre
- Visual Arts

Note – Application categories (and the sub-categories within) change biennially. Check online or contact the PCA for a list of the calendar year's category deadlines.

Who can apply – Applicants must be creative artists who are current residents of Pennsylvania for at least two years prior to the application deadline. The following individuals are not eligible to apply: Individuals enrolled in high school, or in a bachelor's, master's or PhD degree program in the arts. If you received a Fellowship, you may not apply for a Fellowship in the following year.

Deadline – August 1st, annually (for January – December activity period).

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Folk & Traditional Arts Apprenticeships – These apprenticeships support artists who practice the traditional arts found in communities across the Commonwealth. An apprenticeship is a partnership between a Master, recognized by his/her community as such, and a qualified Apprentice. A successful apprenticeship requires careful planning and communication between all individuals involved. Masters and Apprentices should work together to develop their plan of study and must apply together. Proposals for second year partnerships must show what was learned in the first year and that new skills or repertory will be learned in the second.

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Who can apply – The apprentice must be a resident of Pennsylvania, and preference is given to apprenticeships with a Pennsylvania Master. Masters from outside Pennsylvania may be sought, especially if no Master in the tradition is available within Pennsylvania. A Master artist must have attained excellence within his or her tradition and be recognized as such by members of his or her community.

Apprentices must be individuals who have demonstrated competency in the basic skills in the specific tradition of the apprenticeship. While most apprenticeships take place between one Master and one Apprentice, other arrangements may be more appropriate to a specific art form or tradition. These arrangements should be described fully in your proposal.

Deadline – August 1st, annually (for January – December activity period).

The Directory of Pennsylvania Artists in Education – The *Directory of Pennsylvania Artists in Education* is an annual publication featuring those artists who have been accepted into the PCA's Arts in Education (AIE) artist-in-residence program. Schools and community organizations throughout the Commonwealth use the Directory to identify artists to work in their organizations. The *Directory of Pennsylvania Artists in Education* is available online as a searchable database – http://www.pacouncilonthearts.org/aie/search_for_artists.cfm

All applications for listing in the Directory of Pennsylvania Artists in Education are accepted and reviewed on a regional basis, through 12 regional AIE Partner organizations across the state. To obtain guideline and application materials to apply for inclusion in the *Directory of Pennsylvania Artists in Education*, artists should contact the AIE Partner for their region (see the list online at http://www.pacouncilonthearts.org/aie/partner_resources.cfm, or contact the PCA at (717) 787-6883, ext. 3041. These regional AIE Partner organizations recruit, select, train, place and evaluate the artists in their regions.

Who can apply – Individual artists and artistic ensembles or companies may apply to be listed in the *Directory of Pennsylvania Artists in Education*. Artists in all disciplines are eligible to apply for inclusion in the Directory and to perform AIE residencies that are funded in part by the PCA. Preference is given to Pennsylvania residents, although outstanding artists from other states will be given consideration.

NOTE – Artists and companies or ensembles who intend to work in multiple disciplines must demonstrate their qualifications and be approved by the Pennsylvania Council on the Arts to work in EACH discipline. Only artists who will be available to conduct residencies of ten or more days should apply. If you are a renewing artist, your residency activity should be substantial over the last three-year period in the Directory.

Deadline for application to the Directory of Pennsylvania Artists in Education is determined by each respective regional partner on an annual basis.

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PennPAT – The purpose of Pennsylvania Performing Arts on Tour (PennPAT) is to increase opportunities for professional Pennsylvania-based performing artists to obtain successful touring engagements. Through a multi-layered approach that includes grants to presenters, grants to artists, training for artists and marketing support, PennPAT seeks to nurture the diverse ecology of presenting and touring. PennPAT offers support for touring engagements with PennPAT roster artists to presenters in: Delaware, District of Columbia, Maryland, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Virginia, U.S. Virgin Islands, and West Virginia.

Created as a unique public/private partnership administered by Mid Atlantic Arts Foundation, PennPAT continues to garner funding and guidance from its four founding partners: Vira I. Heinz Endowment, The William Penn Foundation, Pennsylvania Council on the Arts and The Pew Charitable Trusts. <http://www.pennpat.org>

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Who can apply – Individual artists and presenters must be Pennsylvania residents. Performing arts companies must either be incorporated in Pennsylvania, or if not incorporated, at least 50 percent of the artists must be Pennsylvania residents. College and university-based performers must perform regularly off-campus for professional fees to be eligible. Artists selected for inclusion in the 2008 PennPAT Artist Roster will be eligible for all roster benefits for one year – from January 2008 through December 2008.

Deadline – **For Artists** – Applications for the 2008 PennPAT Artist Roster must be received at the PennPAT office by 5:00 p.m. on June 1, 2007. Late, incomplete, faxed or e-mailed applications will not be considered.

For Presenters – February 15, 2007: For projects scheduled between June 1, 2007 and May 31, 2009

June 15, 2007: For projects requesting \$1500 or less, scheduled between September 1, 2005 and August 31, 2006

October 17, 2007: For projects scheduled between February 1, 2008 and August 31, 2009

Professional Development & Consulting – A limited pool of funds is available to organizations throughout the year to address specific artistic, programmatic, administrative or technical needs. Funds are generally used to hire consultants to assess a specific issue and recommend action.

Additionally, the PCA offers funding for professional growth opportunities. Most are non-matching awards. The maximum award amount is \$2,000 per organization, per year.

Deadline – Rolling

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Accountability Block Grant – Provides school districts with financial assistance to implement effective educational practices and initiatives to improve student achievement. Grant categories: pre-kindergarten and kindergarten; social and health services; tutoring assistance; academic performance of subgroups; science and applied-knowledge; professional education; literacy and math coaching; incentives for certified teachers; research based improvement strategies.

April 30th
Contact – Bureau of Teaching and Learning
– (717) 773-9294.

ADULT BASIC & LITERACY EDUCATION

Act 143 of 1986 – provides fund for adult literacy programs that will enable out-of-school youth and adults 17 years of age and older who are nonreaders or who read below the 5th grade level or who lack basic English language proficiency to improve their basic skills in order to increase their prospects for a more productive life and expand the availability of adult literacy, family literacy and other adult education programs, including volunteer programs, in the Commonwealth.

March 17
Contact – Bureau of Adult Basic & Literacy Education at (717) 787-6344.

Act 143 of 1986 for a Family Literacy Program – Provide funds through the Pennsylvania Department of Education for the establishment of local Even Start projects by integrating early childhood and adult education for parents into a unified family program and assist children and adults from low-income families to meet challenging education performance standards.

March 13
Contact – Bureau of Adult Basic & Literacy Education at (717) 787-6344.

Act 143 of 1986 for the Pennsylvania Literacy Corps Program – Provides funds for grants to support the Pennsylvania Literacy Corps Program. Grant funds are available in amounts up to \$35,000 per program to support collaborative efforts between institutions of higher education and adult basic and literacy education providers.

March 13
No more than 10 percent of any grant to an eligible agency may be used for support services or administration.
Contact – Bureau of Adult Basic & Literacy Education at (717) 787-6344.

Workforce Investment Act of 1998 Section 231 Funds for Adult Basic Education – Provides funds for the establishment of adult education and family literacy programs that will assist adults to become literate and obtain the knowledge and skills necessary for employment and self-sufficiency; assist adults who are parents to obtain the educational skills necessary to become full partners in the educational development of their children, and assist adults in

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the completion of a secondary school education. The federal share of a grant will be 75 percent of the total cost of the program. The applicant must provide 25 percent match of the total cost of the program. The local match may be in kind.

Even Start Family Literacy – Provide funds through the Pennsylvania Department of Education for the establishment of local Even Start projects by integrating early childhood and adult education for parents into a unified family program and assist children and adults from low-income families to meet challenging education performance standards.

Requires a local contribution/matching funds in addition to the requested grant amount. The Even Start statute requires a graduated increase in the local share, which ranges from 10% (in the first year) to 50% (in years five through eight.)

March 13

Contact – Bureau of Adult Basic & Literacy Education at (717) 787-5532

Section 223, State Leadership of the Workforce Investment Act, Title II – Provides funds for the establishment of adult education and family literacy programs that will assist adults to become literate and obtain the knowledge and skills necessary for employment and self-sufficiency; assist adults who are parents to obtain the educational skills necessary to become full partners in the educational development of their children, and; assist adults in the completion of a secondary school education.

Late April (Letter of intent)/ Late May (Grant Application)

Not more than 12.5 percent of the state's allotment shall be used for State Leadership Activities. Not more than five percent of a local applicant's grant may be used for administrative costs, unless a higher percent is approved in advance.

Contact – Bureau of Adult Basic & Literacy Education at (717) 787-5532

Move Up, Services for Welfare Recipients – provides funds (\$6 million from the Department of Welfare and \$1.5 million from the Department of Education) to support integrating literacy instruction into welfare programs. Services support individuals becoming self-sufficient, including obtaining the skills and knowledge they need for training and job-search programs as well as those necessary to obtain and retain a job.

May

Available in 23 counties.

Services must be responsive to requirements of welfare system.

ALTERNATIVE EDUCATION

Alternative Education for Disruptive Youth – This grant provides a combination of intense, individualized academic instruction and behavior modification counseling in an alternative setting to assist students to return successfully to the regular classroom. The program approval and grant funding is provided to any public school (school district, intermediate unit, area vocational-technical school, special

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April 30 – projected enrollments

Restricted to public schools that provide an Alternative Education for Disruptive Youth Program for middle school or high school students and meet all state laws and guidelines.

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school jointure, or any combination/consortium of public schools) that meets the minimum program requirements.

Contact – Bureau of Community & Student Services at (717) 783-9202.

CHARTER SCHOOLS

Charter School Planning and Implementation Grant
– Provides for planning and implementation funding for charter schools (an independent public school established and operated under a charter from the local school board of school directors or, in the case of cyber charter schools, under a charter from the PA Department of Education.

February
A charter school must be organized as a public, nonprofit corporation. Charters may not be granted to any for-profit entity.
Contact – Bureau of Community and Student Services, Division of Nonpublic, Private and Charter School Services (717) 705-8019.

COMMONWEALTH LIBRARIES

Keystone Recreation, Park and Conservation Fund (Public Libraries) – Provides grants to construct, renovate or improve their public library facilities and mini grants of \$50,000 or less are available to make libraries accessible to persons with disabilities and for non-routine maintenance.

June 30
Funds may not be used for routine maintenance or for furniture and equipment unless part of an overall construction/renovation project.
Contact – Bureau of Library Development/ Division of Subsidies and Grants at (717) 783-5727.

Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) NETshare
– Funds may be requested for networked information access, cooperative efforts and resource sharing, or services to special groups. A separate focused category may be included for school libraries.

September 8
Funding may not be used for construction/renovation, projects that have already begun, or operating expenses.
Contact – Bureau of Library Development/ Division of Subsidies and Grants at (717) 783-5746.

DROPOUT PREVENTION

Successful Students' Partnership – Provides funds to school districts to assist districts in the development of strategies to help students stay in school, graduate and transition to employment or post-secondary education.

Spring 2008 – Grants are awarded for a 3 year cycle.
May be used for planning and program implementation. Funds are not intended to provide sustained, long-term operational support for program services or capital improvements.
Contact – Bureau of Community & Student Services at (717) 783-6466.

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PA Pre-K Counts – Funds are available to child care programs participating in Keystone Stars at a Star 2 or higher, Licensed Nursery Schools, Head Start programs, and school districts to provide early learning opportunities to children ages three and four. A priority of this program will be on children who are at risk of future academic failure. Priority in funding is granted to approved providers that received grant funds in the immediately preceding school year and have met the program standards.

Late April (Letter of intent)/ Late May (Grant Application)

Contact – Office of Child Development and Early Learning at (717) 346-9327.

Head Start State Supplemental – state investment to supplement federal Head Start funding so that the successful program can reach more families.

Annual renewals in April, limited to Federal Head Start Programs.

Contact – Office of Child Development and Early Learning at (717) 346-9327.

EDUCATION MENTORING

Education Mentoring Program – Funds are available to non-profit, community-based organizations that enter into formal partnerships with schools to develop or expand Education Mentoring Programs. Funds may be used to develop programs that link students with caring, responsible mentors to assist students in improving their performance in school.

Spring 2008 – Grants are awarded for a 3-year cycle.

Funding may not be used for direct support of religious activities; purchase of equipment; full-time staff positions

Contact – Bureau of Community & Student Services at (717) 783-6466.

FOOD AND NUTRITION

After School Snack Program – Provides federal reimbursements for snacks served that meet meal pattern requirements. A National School Lunch Program participant must operate the program. Sponsor must provide care in an after-school setting that includes regularly scheduled education or enrichment activities in organized, structured and supervised environments.

Anytime during school year

Funds may not be used for construction or land/building purchases. Sponsors may not have more than three months operating costs on hand.

Contact – Bureau of Budget & Fiscal Management, Division of Food & Nutrition at (717) 787-3186.

Child and Adult Care Food Program – Provides reimbursement for meals served to enrolled participants in non-residential child or adult care facilities to improve the diets of children and adults, and to develop healthy eating habits.

Throughout the Year

Facilities must be licensed or approved in order to participate. For-profit, non-residential child or adult care centers must

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	<p>receive Title XX or Title XIX funding for at least 25% of either enrolled participants or the licensed capacity, whichever is less to be eligible to participate.</p> <p>Contact – Bureau of Budget & Fiscal Management, Division of Food & Nutrition at (800) 331-0129 or send e-mail to still@state.pa.us.</p>
<p>National School Lunch Program – Provides federal and state reimbursements for school lunches served that meet nutrient standards and meal pattern requirements. Children are eligible for paid, free, or reduced price meals based on family income and household size.</p>	<p>Anytime during school year</p> <p>Funds may not be used for construction or land/building purchases. Sponsors may not have more than three months operating costs on hand.</p> <p>Contact – Bureau of Budget & Fiscal Management, Division of Food & Nutrition at (717) 787-3186</p>
<p>School Breakfast Program – Provides federal and state reimbursement for school breakfasts served that meet nutrient standards and meal pattern requirements. Children are eligible for paid, free, or reduced price meals based on family income and household size.</p>	<p>Anytime during school year</p> <p>Funds may not be used for construction or land/building purchases. Sponsors may not have more than three months operating costs on hand.</p> <p>Contact – Bureau of Budget & Fiscal Management, Division of Food & Nutrition at (717) 787-3186.</p>
<p>Secondary Level Interdisciplinary Curriculum (SLIC) – an interdisciplinary curriculum containing lessons for the following subject areas: Algebra, American History, Biology, Business Education, Chemistry, Consumer Math, Environmental Science, English, Family & Consumer Sciences, and Health. Each lesson can be taught as a stand-alone lesson or as part of an interdisciplinary unit.</p>	<p>Readily available</p> <p>Contact – Nutrition Education & Training Program at (800) 331-0129 or (717) 787-7698.</p>
<p>Special Milk Program – Provides federal reimbursements for milk served to eligible children. Schools that do not participate in the National School Lunch or School Breakfast Programs may participate in the milk program. Schools that have split-session kindergarten and do not have access to meal service may participate in the milk program. Children are eligible for paid or free milk based on family income and household size.</p>	<p>Anytime during school year</p> <p>Funds may not be used for construction or land/building purchases. Sponsors may not have more than three months operating costs on hand.</p> <p>Contact – Bureau of Budget and Fiscal Management, Division of Food & Nutrition at (717) 787-3186.</p>

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Summer Food Service Program – Provides reimbursement for meals served by non-profit, public and governmental agencies to children through age 18 attending activities at approved SFSP sites. The primary intent of the program is to improve the diets of children so that they may return to school in the fall ready to learn.

Submitted & Approved Prior to Start of Applying Agency's Summer Program

Only available during the summer months

Program sponsors must be non-profit, public or governmental agencies and program sites must be located in a geographic area determined by census or school data to meet income eligibility requirements, or meet established eligibility through alternate means.

Contact – Bureau of Budget and Fiscal Management, Division of Food & Nutrition at (800) 331-0129 or send e-mail to ssstill@state.pa.us.

HIGH SCHOOL REFORM

Dual Enrollment – Locally administered program that allows high school students to concurrently enroll in postsecondary courses and to receive **both** secondary and postsecondary credit for that coursework. The local programs are run through partnerships between school entities and eligible postsecondary institutions Pennsylvania's dual enrollment program also emphasizes early college, middle college, and gateway to college programs. State funds will be targeted to at-risk students, academically challenged school districts, and the Project 720 sites.

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Contact – Bureau of Teaching & Learning Support, (717) 783-4799.

Classrooms for the Future – Grant recipients will receive funding to purchase technology equipment, infrastructure, and support. The purposes of the *Classrooms for the Future* program are not to support technology acquisition but to foster 21st Century teaching and learning. Professional development included.

May 4

Contact – Classrooms for the Future Project Manager, (717) 214-9393.

Project 720 – Named for the number of days a Pennsylvania student spends in school from 9th through 12th grades, Project 720 ensures that all students have access to college-preparatory courses in core subject areas, additional Advanced Placement courses and smaller learning environments for better one-on-one teacher-to-student interaction.

End of April

Contact – Bureau of Teaching & Learning Support, (717) 783-4799.